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TO : Chief of [] DATE _____
FROM : Chief, US

ACTION REQUIRED: For information only.

1. DIRECTRESS has been advised that funds have been made available as of 21 January 1958 for the construction and operation by FRANCE of a high-powered broadcasting facility in Spain. This undertaking was authorized in ACTIVE Project Amendment Number 2, approved by C/SUBCOM on 25 September 1957.

2. The PRAFIEM management is now proceeding, with the active assistance of the Spanish Government, to acquire the necessary land for a site on the Mediterranean coast near Gerona. Once this is accomplished, it is estimated that the first stage of the facility can be put on the air with one 100 K.W. transmitter within six to eight months.

3. It is contemplated that the ultimate facility, to be constructed and equipped over a three-year period, will have a total power output of 1,100 K.W., mounting five short wave transmitters which will broadcast 20 hours daily to the Soviet Union.

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